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The Associate C|CISO Program: Advancing Your Cybersecurity Management Career

What is the Associate C|CISO Program?

The Associate C|CISO Program is a professional certification program that equips cybersecurity professionals with the fundamental knowledge required for information security leadership. It provides a powerful method for advancing security industry careers to leadership levels and is designed for professionals having a minimum of 2 years of technical or management experience in any 1 of the 5 following domains:

ONE	Governance and Risk Management
TWO	Information Security Controls, Compliance, and Audit Management
THREE	Security Program Management and Operations
FOUR	Information Security Core Competencies
FIVE	Strategic Planning, Finance, Procurement, and Vendor Management

Why Should You Join the Associate C|CISO Program?

Here are some of the reasons why you should consider the Associate C|CISO program:

Stay ahead of the curve

Cybersecurity professionals can prepare themselves for future leadership roles by identifying the positions that will fill the gap between their current career and what they need to be an executive security professional.

Gain the leader's perspective

Candidates are empowered to identify, communicate, and manage information security risks within their organizations through a comprehensive understanding of the key elements of information security portfolio management.

Increase employability

Associate CCISOs can demonstrate to potential employers that they have a strong, foundational understanding of information security management, resulting in a broader range of career opportunities and career prospects.

Gain recognition

The Associate C|CISO program is directly derived from the C|CISO certification program, which is a globally recognized and highly respected industry certification. This certification enables professionals leverage executive leadership knowledge.

Learn from seasoned experts

The program offers access to industry experts, allowing participants to learn from, and network with, seasoned professionals using the same courseware and training program that is delivered to the C|CISO community.

Comprehensive curriculum

The curriculum covers a diverse range of topics related to information security program leadership including finance management, security program creation and implementations, security operations oversight, risk management and communication, and more.

Be ready to lead

The program equips cybersecurity professionals with the skills and knowledge they need to take on more senior leadership roles in the industry to propel their careers and realize their professional goals.

How to
Get Certified?

To get certified, you need to complete the following steps:

STEP ONE
Have at least 2 years of experience in any one of the C|CISO domains or be currently certified in one of the following: CISA, CISM, or CISSP.

STEP TWO
Candidates must complete their Associate C|CISO application and meet the minimum verified by EC Council, to take the exam as described in the Associate C|CISO Pre-Requisites section. The candidate then submits the application.

STEP THREE
Complete the C|CISO training program that includes all 5 of the C|CISO Domains.

STEP FOUR
Prepare for the Associate C|CISO exam. The exam is designed to test the applicant's basic security program knowledge and the ability to think critically.

This exam assesses candidates across two cognitive levels:

LEVEL ONE

Knowledge-based questions, which assess the applicant's ability to recall memorized facts. These questions are straightforward and often ask for basic definitions or standards.

LEVEL TWO

Application-based questions, which assess the applicant's ability to understand and apply a given concept. These questions require the applicant to demonstrate their understanding of a concept and how it can be applied in different scenarios.

STEP FIVE
Pass the Associate C|CISO exam, which tests your knowledge & skills and is subject to the following conditions:

- 150 multiple-choice questions.
- 2-hour time limit.
- A minimum passing score of 70%.

Associate C|CISO Pre-requisites

To qualify for the Associate C|CISO Program, applicants must have at least 2 years of technical or management experience in any 1 of the 5 C|CISO domains.

OR

Currently hold the CISSP, CISM, or CISA certifications (any 1 of them).

Transition from Associate C|CISO to C|CISO

Below are the steps for becoming a C|CISO after achieving the Associate C|CISO certification

- To obtain full C|CISO status, candidates must meet the experience requirements by having a minimum of 5 years of experience in at least 3 of the 5 domains.
- The required experience must be earned while the candidate remains current with the Associate C|CISO credential (annual fees and professional education credits).
- After gaining the required experience, Associate C|CISO certification holders will have their experience verified by EC-Council before being approved to take the C|CISO exam.
- Training prior to taking the C|CISO exam is optional, as the Associate C|CISO already completed the training earlier. If a long period of time has elapsed taking the training, we advise candidates to retake the C|CISO training due to potential changes in the security industry and C|CISO training materials.
- If the candidate's Associate C|CISO certification has lapsed, they must reapply for the C|CISO program and follow the standard C|CISO application process from the beginning.

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